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He with the moon was more familiar
Than e'er was Almanack well-willer.
Her Secrets underſtood ſo clear,
That ſome believ'd he had been there.
Hudibras, P. II. Canto 3.

Grubſtreet, Feb. 3, 1731.

THE exact completion of our learned Brother Mr. Bickerſtaff's predictions for the month of January, has made ſeveral of our gentle Readers very ſollicitous to have them continued monthly. Mr. Bickerſtaff queſtions whether he ſhall be able to oblige the publick conſtantly in this manner; having many other great and weighty affairs on his hand. It was with difficulty, that he could finiſh the following ſcheme, time enough to be read before the Society laſt Wedneſday: and as it was late before it could be read, the printer had compoſed ſo much of the Journal, that we had not room to inſert it. We have the ſatisfaction however, to ſee that the weather has been exactly foretold for the 3 firſt days, which are now paſt; and I do not doubt, but our Readers will find not only that, but the political predictions alſo to anſwer exactly; as ſoon as we ſhall hear what has been tranſacted in foreign Countries. One thing I can inform my readers of; that I have almoſt obtained a promiſe of Mr. Bickerſtaff, that he will publiſh a complete Almanack next year, and in honour of this Society, give it the title of THE GRUBSTREET ALMANACK. I make this early publication, that the Company of Stationers may be early in their application to him.

BAVIUS.

Fe	*Gadbury*	*Partridge*	*Andrews*	*Coley*	*Lane*	*Pearſe*	*Saunders*	*J. Wing*	*Moore*	*Swallow*	*Culpepper*	*Fly*	*Perkins*	*Trigge*	*Weaver*	*Cambridge*	*V. Wing*	*Bickerſtaff*
1				Haſty ſtorms	Windy & rainy weather about this time. Now pleaſant for ſome days, but cold, & inclined to froſt, mixt with ſtorms to the end.	Cold air. windy. Froſty weather Seaſonable weather Froſt-like. Temperate.	Cloudy & cloſe, alſo windy, with plenty of ſnow, or cold rain at the beginning: then follow ſome ſharp froſts, but not without high winds & ſtorms about the 10th or 11th days: yet ſharp & froſty therewith, then follow ſome miſty & foggy days. The 21ſt or 22d produce winds, then mild & pleaſant for a day or two, then whites ſome miſty & riſing days, but about the end windy & ſtormy, with ſnow or cold rain.	Open weather. Windy & cold. Wind & rain. Wet & windy. Temperate for ſome days Cloudy and cold. Rain & cold winds at or now abouts.	Sometimes it rains, but again ſoon clear, And pretty moderate for the time of year. Cloudy weather, & ſnow like, And rain in ſome parts fill the dike. About this time we may with reaſon, Expect good weather for the ſeaſon. But toward the end expect again, Gloomy flights of ſnow or rain.	Froſt & cold weather. Winds with fleet Store of ſnow or rain. Winds & cloudy. Open & temperate ſome days. Rough winds to the end of the month.	Cloudy & cold Windy & fair. Rain & ſtormy. Cold winds & unconſtant weather High winds. Cloudy with rain or ſnow.	Cold & inclin'd to ſnow or rain. Froſty & cold air, if not ſome ſnow. Then changes to be milder yet variable, ſometimes cold, with dark clouds & froſty by fits.	Windy & wet, at the beginning. Now ſome mild & pleaſant days, gentle froſts. Windy & ſtormy, bringing ſnow or cold rain followed with ſharp fr. Continues froſty & cold. Cold drifling weat. at the end.	ſtore of winter weath. Winds with rain. Windy & fair.	Dragly cloſe unwholſome weath. About this time froſty & more pleaſant. Still froſty & more cold, perhaps fleet or ſnow.	Froſty mornings. Winds raiſing clouds. Rain or fleet. Much cold flabby weath. High winds & ſtormy.	Cold froſty weather. Snow or cold rain now abouts. Winds & ſtormy. Wind. Rain & flabby weather.	Great drifts of ſnow Fine ſerene weather with hard froſt for ſome days Much ſnow or rain. High winds. Thick, foggy weath. Snow or fleet. Fair, ſeaſonable weather.

Theſe Predictions of Mr Bickerſtaff are ſet againſt thoſe of the common Almanacks, that the reader may judge the more eaſily, who is in the right.

The POLITICAL PREDICTIONS.

Gadbury. Of the few Aſpects that happen this month, one of them ſeems to be very ominous wherever it's influence lights, viz. the oppoſition of the Sun and Jupiter from Virgo and Piſces, and the long robe in all likelihood is not exempted from it's influence; and ſome of the reverend Clergy in particular, againſt ſome of whom a ſcene of miſchief ſeems to be contrived. This oppoſition being followed by an oppoſition of Jupiter and Mercury, and of Jupiter and Venus next Month.

Partridge. No ſooner is poor Jupiter got free of the angry rays of Mars, but he is ſtrongly affronted by the Sun; ſurely more than ordinary misfortunes befall the Gentlemen of the long robe. I wiſh ſome noted Clergyman do not now fall under ſome diſpleaſure with his Prince. Some parts of Germany, France and Portugal concern'd, as being ſubjects to the ſigns Virgo and Piſces: I fear ſome unſeaſonable inſurrections, or ſome underhand dealings, or juggling amongſt their great ones. Time will diſcover the truth of all.

Andrews. What was ſecretly conſulted in the laſt month, is now brought to light, and ſomething acted worthy of an Engliſh Counſel.

Coley. From the aſpects of the preceding month, conſidered with the oppoſition of the Sun and Jupiter; in this we may conjecture, that what was ſecretly conſulted in the laſt month, will now come to light. Many ſerious debates, and great hopes that the pious endeavours of thoſe prudent Perſons at the helm of affairs will be attended with good effects.

Moore. Some diſcovery made this month of what was ſecretly conſulted in the laſt; yet will others ſtill make it their buſineſs to ſow the ſeed of diviſion amongſt us. Many ſerious debates now in the councils of our Superiors: great hopes we have that the pious endeavours of thoſe prudent Perſons will produce good effects. The heavens ſeem to repreſent the actions of mankind in a hopeful way of peace and tranquillity, and to cultivate a good underſtanding among ſome great powers.

Weaver. About this time expect to hear of warm conteſts and debates with perplexity and fatigue in the counſels of Princes.

Bickerſtaff. The Conjunction of ☉ and ☿ on the fifth foretels that the purpoſes of ſome crafty ill deſigning perſons will about that time be brought to light.

The oppoſition of ☉ and ♃, from ♏ and ♓, ſhews that a certain great perſon will meet with interruptions in his ſchemes and loſſes at ſea, by means of ſome Lady.

Concordia Diſcors.——Luc.

To Mr. BAVIUS, Secretary to the Illuſtrious Society of the GRUBEANS.

SIR,

IT has been very juſtly obſerved againſt moſt modern Criticks, that whilſt they are curious in collecting, and induſtrious in expoſing the imperfections of an Author, they either ignorantly or wilfuly overlook what is commendable; that they always manifeſt the greateſt uneaſineſs and diſlike of thoſe Productions, which are the moſt univerſally approv'd of by the reſt of Mankind; and that the only ſatisfaction, they can receive from any work, is the having an opportunity to diſcover how much they are diſſatisfy'd. But though this is palpably the caſe with the generality of thoſe Connoiſſeurs, you, Sir, are a very remarkable Exception to the Rule: your great and laudable buſineſs is well-plac'd Panegyrick; and whilſt others are malevolently employ'd in pointing out the blemiſhes of their Authors, and diſcovering where they have neglected the Rules of their Art, you generouſly labour to make appear how exactly conformable the Writings of your Members are, to the Laws of the Bathos they profeſs. It is therefore highly deſirable, that ſo cordial an undertaking ſhould be as extenſive as poſſible: and tho', like the Fraternity of *Crane-Court*, you wont admit men of all employments, from the Mummy-merchant to the collector of petrify'd ſhells and preſerv'd butterflies; yet I conceive that all Authors, as well figurative as literal, may be Members of your Society, and are juſtly cognizable by you. By Figurative Authors, I mean either *Sculptors, Painters*, or *Muſicians*. That Profeſſors in theſe Arts have a right to the honourable name of Author, as well as the *Orator, Poet*, or *Hiſtorian*, I think is indiſputable; for as much as the ſame knowledge and ſtudy are requir'd, as they equally deduce their laws and rules from the general ſenſe of Mankind, and produce the ſame effects when judiciouſly apply'd. Thus a good Statue will give you a more juſt conception of the perſonal beauties of a Hero, than the moſt exact Hiſtorian can poſſibly do. The Battles of Alexander painted by a LE BRUN, will furniſh you with a ſtronger Idea of the confuſion of an Engagement, than the moſt nervous lines in a HOMER or a VIRGIL; whilſt the *Muſician*, by a skilful compoſition of Notes and modulation of Sounds, ſhall altogether as powerfully affect the paſſions, and caſt the mind into melancholy, or rouze it up to mirth, as the beſt wrought Scene in a SHAKESPEAR or a JOHNSON. It is therefore moſt certainly, equally praiſe-worthy and glorious, to excell, in the one as the other. For this reaſon, I ſhall from time to time endeavour to do 'em the juſtice you have hitherto groundleſly forborn, (ſuch of 'em I mean as by their Performances merit the regard of your Society,) by ſending you ſome obſervations on their wonderful conduct.

My overture then, or opening Piece, ſhall be play'd off in honour of our *Muſicians:* but, as I have not now time to go through with 'em, I ſhall confine my preſent Remarks to thoſe employ'd in our Churches. The *Organiſts* of this Metropolis are I conceive almoſt to a man ſtanding Members of your Society, and do by their amazing Compoſitions and Executions (as they call them) bring daily honour to your illuſtrious Body.

Theſe Gentlemen, finding by experience that the length of the Service and gravity of the ſubject are very apt to ſink good Chriſtians into ſadneſs or ſleep, do zealouſly labour by the gaiety of their Performances to diſſipate thoſe gloomy and drowzy diſpoſitions. I generally find the *Voluntary*, which they entertain us with before the Leſſon puts the whole Congregation into ſuch a cheerful Mode, that they have much ado to refrain from joining in a grand Dance of Jigs, Rigadoons, Courants, Marches, and Hornpipes.

commonly united in these delectable Compositions; whilst the right hand of the Performer executes its part with such superlative agility, that the left is forc'd to come hobbling after in the Base, not being able to keep pace with its *Dexterous* Companion. Thus, for half an hour together, do these *swift-finger'd* Gentry divert their Auditors by scouring up and down with incomparable celerity the whole compass of the Organ, and instantaneously skipping from one subject to another, till they have given us a different Air in every *Key* of the *Gamut*; and this they do (we are told) principally in order to shew their *hands*; tho' I think we may safely aver, that they shew their *heads* at the same time.

Moreover the reasonableness and propriety of this method of proceeding in the Organ-loft, appears evident from the happy effect it has on the Audience below. The pretty Gentlemen and fine Ladies, who were becoming hideously grave, and in great danger of giving in to the Enthusiasm of the place, are by this means soon reduc'd to their pristine alacrity, and have at the same time a favourable opportunity of displaying their fine Tastes and fine Rings; by accompanying the Performer, on their Prayer-Books and Fans.

Thus cheer'd and refresh'd, they have tolerable spirit to go through the rest of the drudgery, 'till the Psalm and then they meet with timely succour once more from above: for those merry Blades, by the beauty of their Preludes and Interludes, do sufficiently make amends for the dullness of the words. And here indeed their judgment appears yet more remarkable, for in the middle of a line, and frequently of a word, Mr. *Tweedledumdee* shall quite lose sight of his Tune, and be entertaining us of a sudden with the scrap of a Song, or a Masquerade Dance; whilst the Vocal Performers, not expecting such relief, stand gaping with their mouths ready prepar'd to go on, and at the same time enjoy a comfortable opportunity of taking breath; when the next Verse, which is perhaps a strain of confession or deprecation, shall be introduc'd by *Lilli-bo-lero*, or *Jumping-Joan*.

But their *Coup de Maitre*, or tip-top Flourish of all, is reserv'd for the Farewell when *Service* is over. Here they justly judge, that a pleasant touch is as necessary as a merry Epilogue after a dull Play, in order to send the Audience in good humour away. Here therefore do they acquit themselves in so facetious a manner, that we soon find our selves eas'd of any irksome impressions, which might unfortunately be stamp'd on our minds, by what came from the Pulpit; and can, with a *gaieté de coeur*, move nimbly thro' the Isles to a *Ballance* or *Coupé*. Thus wonderfully have our modern Masters improv'd our *Church-musick*, and so nicely do they adapt their performances to the business and place, that every one must allow they deserve to be *taken notice of*.

Some queer Puts indeed will pretend to be disgusted with this new practice, as quite contrary (they tell you) to the design of this kind of Musick. They, sad Souls, being abundantly more grave than wise, would have us believe that it ought to be solemn and serious; that it was introduc'd into publick Worship, in order to raise and refine the passions; to give a turn of composure and devotion to the mind, and to cherish those divine impulses which are begun by the Prayers; that, if well conducted, it might awaken such passions in the breast, as would better the heart; such as would arise from a just and reasonable cause, and be attended with happy and laudable effects. That *Musick*, thus apply'd, is capable of raising the noblest hints in the mind, and filling it with the most sublime and worthy conceptions; whilst by this means our pleasure and duty might be made to accompany one another, our vertue would be improv'd in proportion to our delight, and a more vigorous and lively Devotion created in the heart, than the best form of words could without its assistance effect. It were therefore, say they, most piously to be wish'd, that these mercurial Youths, who are so equally happy in lightness of fingers and brains, and who are so industrious in tricking honest People out of all they go for to Church, should be confin'd to their proper Spheres, the Dancing School, or Puppet Show; and a more sedate and thinking sett of animals be appointed in their stead. But whether all that these doleful *Dons* can possibly say, ought to have any weight, when consider'd with the advantages which accrue from the present method of proceeding, is left to your profound and impartial determination, by

your very Humble Servant,

PHILOMEIDES I.

LONDON.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Post Boy.*
D P. *Daily Post.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Post.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Post.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Post.*
C. *Crafts-man.*
F. *Fog's Journal.*

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 28.

We hear the Rev. Dr. Lovell, Rector of S. Mary, Rotherhith, one of his Majesty's Chaplains, is made Dean of Litchfield *C. D P. E P. S J. W E.*——What the reasons are for incerting [inserting] so notorious a falshood, is unknown; for Dr. Penny was appointed Dean of Litchfield about 5 weeks ago, and his promotion incerted [inserted] in all the News-Papers: But of late several Persons, both Clergy and Laity, have taken great pains to PUFF (no ninate) themselves into Places and Preferments that never were design'd them, which only makes them appear ridiculous and contemptible: Therefore, for the future all Candidates and Pretenders to Places and Preferments, are hereby desired not to *print themselves into them*, but to have patience till they are *really* (and not, *We hear*) *appointed*. *L E.*——*I think my* Brother *very wrong in making this severe Reflection. For is not the frequent publication of a man's name in the News-Papers the readiest way to make him famous? And when he is become so, has he not a just title to* Preferment? *I am sure, such publication might prevent a good deal of obloquy, occasioned sometimes by the sudden advancement of obscure Persons in Church and State, whose names have scarce been mentioned before in any News-Paper.*——*Notwithstanding this Reflection in the* London Evening, *the* D J. *of* Frid. 29. *says*, The Rev. Dr. Lovell is appointed to be Dean of Litchfield. *But he is contradicted by the* C. *of the same day, who says very cautiously*, We hear the Rev. Dr. Penny is appointed Dean of Litchfield, and not Dr. Lovell, &c. —— *In the* L E *Feb.* 2. Dr. Lovell *has published an Advertisement, in which he* declares in the most solemn manner, that he was neither directly, nor indirectly concerned, in publishing *the piece of news above-mentioned*; *and that he believes* the first publick notice of his Mock-preferment, and the Reflections upon it, came both from the same hand, *that of a* modest Gentleman, whom he refuses to name out of tenderness to his character.

We hear that the Officers absent from their respective Regiments in Ireland, are order'd to repair thither with all expedition. *P.*

Stouleton Tisdel, Esq; is made a Lieut. Col. of a Company in the Regiment of Invalids, commanded by Col. Rob. Murray:——and Tho. Spicer, Esq; a Cornet of Horse Dragoons in the Regiment of Maj. Gen. Honeywood. —— Mr. Thomas Bliss is appointed one of the Clerks to his Majesty's Board of Works. *D J.*

Yesterday at the Court of King's-Bench in London, and at the Court of Common Pleas in Middlesex, the names of the several Persons summon'd for Juries were, according to the direction of the late Act, written on distinct pieces of parchment, and put into a box, and so many of the said Parchments drawn out, one after another, until 12 Persons whose Names were so drawn, did appear. *Ibid.*

We hear that many of the Officers of the late duty upon salt, with their wives and families, are going to settle in South Carolina, they having not met with the provision they expected in the Customs. *Ibid.*

We hear the foundation walls of S. Giles's Church have been viewed by a great number of workmen, for the thickness is found to be as good a piece of brickwork as ever was, or ever can be made; and as it stands in water, the sizes of the old one prove very lucky, by reason as complete a church may be rebuilt on the old foundation, and much safer than on a new one, save expence, sooner done, and in particular preventing a great number of corpse from being mangled and cut to pieces, which was a shocking and melancholy sight to see in digging out the foundation of S. Martin's, *Ibid.*——*Tho'* a Church may be rebuilt on an old foundation, much safer than on a new one; *yet, if the* construction *of it be like that of this* Paragraph, *it would probably soon overwhelm* a great number of corpse, *and yield a very* shocking and melancholy sight.

Last night his R. H. the D. of Cumberland stood Godfather in person to the new born son and heir of the L. Archibald Hamilton, &c. *S J.* The ceremony was perform'd by the Rev. Dr. Pearce. *L E.*——*This is a great honour done to the Institution of* Godfathers; *and will I hope recommend it to the early regard and imitation of the young Nobility and Gentry.*

This day the new Church of S. George's, Bloomsbury, was consecrated by the L. Bishop of London. *W E.*

We hear the Bank will issue notes for smaller sums than 20 l. and admit of no more endorsements. *S J.*

Monday morning Will. Poultney, Esq; received a challenge from the H. the L. Harvey, to meet him that afternoon in the Park, accordingly Mr. Poultney went thither with Sir John Rushout, Bart. as his Second; and met L. Harvey with Mr. Fox (Brother to Steph. Fox, Esq,) as his Second. After 4 or 5 passes Mr Poultney gave L. Harvey 2 slight wounds, one in his arm, and the other between the shoulder and neck, and disarm'd him; Mr. Poultney receiving no hurt. The occasion of this quarrel was it's said that Mr. Poultney was suspected to be the author of a Pamphlet, call'd, *A proper Reply to a late scurrilous libel, intituled, Sedition and defamation display'd*, &c. *D P. E P. W E. L E.*——The R. H. the L. Harvey, Vice Chamberlain to the King's Houshold, &c. fought a duel in the upper S. James's Park, with the R. H. Will. Poultney, Esq; in which the former was wounded *S J.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 29.

Monday about 3 o'clock, a duel was fought on the new walk in the upper Park at S. James's, between the R. H. the L. Harvey, and the R. H. William Poultney, Esq; who having closed in, after several passes on both sides, were parted and disarm'd by Sir John Rushout, Bart. and Henry Fox, Esq; We hear that the L. Harvey received 2 or 3 slight wounds, and Mr. Poultney a small hurt in his left hand. *D J.*——*The* D P. and L E. Sat. 30. *in contradiction to their Accounts of Thursday, say*, We are since inform'd, that Mr. Poultney did not disarm L. Harvey.

Yesterday his R. H. the D. of Cumberland went to Westminster School, and heard the Orations and Exercises perform'd by the Scholars, in Memory of their Foundress Queen Elizabeth. *P. C.* His R. H. the Prince of Wales and his R. H. the Duke, &c. *D P.*——The Prince *was not there.*——Last night the Duke went to Westminster, and saw the Comedy call'd *Ignoramus*, perform'd by the Westminster Scholars with universal applause. *P.*

We hear that the Rev. Mr. Capper is presented to the Rectorship of S. George's, Bloomsbury, in the Gift of his Grace the D. of Montague. *C*

Yesterday morning Sir John Gonson, Justice Saville, &c. met at Covent-Garden Vestry, and examined several idle and disorderly persons, &c. apprehended late the night before, and 5 of the most notorious were committed to Tothill-fields Bridewell to beat hemp. *D P. P. D J.*——It is supposed to be much owing to the frequent meetings of these worthy Magistrates, and the great pains they have taken to suppress the Gaming-Houses, Night-Houses, Night-Cellars, &c. that of late we have heard but of very few street-Robberies; for, being hunted out of their lurking holes, several notorious Rogues are said to have left the Town. *D P. D J.*——If these worthy magistrates would issue out Discharges, and supersede Warrants, and do the other business of a justice *gratis*, it would redound as much to their honour, as any thing they have yet done. *L E. Jan.* 30.

Wednesday Sir Harry Vernon of Farnham in Surrey was chosen, without opposition, a Representative in Parliament for Chipping Wicomb, &c. *D J.*

Wednesday night 2 Publishers were taken into custody, by 2 of his Majesty's messengers, for publishing a most seditious and infamous libel, intitled, *The divine Catastrophe of the Royal Family of the Stuarts, &c.* By which the reigns of K. James I. and K. Charles I. are traduced and vilify'd, and the murder of K. Charles I. openly avow'd and justify'd: and yesterday a Bookseller was taken into custody, for publishing the said libel. *D J.* Yesterday the Printer and Publisher, &c. *C. P.* Mr. Charles Davis Bookseller. *L E. Sat.* 30.——*Our* Society *is much concerned at the misfortune of this* worthy Citizen, *who promotes the interest of all our members in general, by his weekly encomiums on our* Journal; *who pays very generously for Copies to particular Members, tho' of late he has been a loser by some of them; and who was, no doubt, induced to reprint the book, for which he is like to be a sufferer, by too great a veneration for the* Author, *as being formerly an eminent Member of our Society. In gratitude therefore, I think my self obliged to use my interest, for the publishing of a* Vindication of Mr. Davis, *not forgetting the* Printer *and* Publisher, *in our next* Journal.

Mr. Sam. Farley of Bristol, &c. is ordered to be admitted to Bail. *D J.*

By Capt. Curling, just arrived from New-England; we hear, that the General Court there continue inflexible in their resolution not to settle a salary on their Governor; and that they have chosen for their Agent, Tho. Wilks, Esq; in the room of Jer. Dummer, Esq; who resign'd about 2 years since. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 30.

Yesterday the Marq. of Blandford, Representative in Parliament for Woodstock in Oxfordshire, was introduced into the House of Commons, &c. —— Last night the R. H. the L. Falkland arrived here from his travels. *P.*——The Countess Dowager of Lincoln hath wrote from abroad, that she designs to spend there the remainder of her days *D P.*

The Rev. Mr. Tho Eyre is made Chancellor of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, in the room of the late Chancellor Pope deceased. *D P.* —— Thursday died, Mr. Cha. Williams, one of the Comedians, belonging to Drury-Lane Play-house. *P.* A celebrated Tragedian. *W E. L E.*

Durham, Jan. 26. Great numbers of the Wives and Children of the Coal-pit men are begging about in all the neighbouring Towns, by reason their husbands have not their usual Work, and are forced to draw coals about for small pay, to prevent starving. We are in great dread of them, for their numbers are very large, and no body will trust them, which makes them desperate. It is said some of the Coal owners have agreed not to deliver more coals till Feb. 20, which will not only make them dear, but ruin hundreds more of working men. *D P.*

Thursday night died at Hackney, John Jacob, Jun. Esq; Inspector Gen of the Out Ports (a place said to be worth above 400 l. per ann.) and before the last election, one of the Directors of the South-sea company. *D J.*

Yesterday morning a child about 6 years of age was run over by a dray in Kent-street, Southwark, the wheel went over its head, and crushed out his brains. *Ibid.*

The same morning about 3 o'clock, a Woman of distinction fell in labour at the Masquerade, and was carried home in her habit, and delivered of a son in 2 hours after. *D P.* —— A son born, *would have been something stranger than one* gotten, *in* Masquerade.

Yesterday the Justice of Peace, who lately gave a challenge to Mr. York, one of the Council against him in the affair of Mrs. Talbot, openly asked pardon of the Court of King's Bench and of the said Gentleman for his offence, upon which the Gentleman consented that a rule against him for an information should be discharged. *S J.*

Tuesday a Beggar, known by the name of Ben, who not having the use of his legs begg'd about the streets with pattens fix'd to his knees, upon which with the assistance of his hands, he moved from place to place, was marry'd at St. Anne's Black Fryers to an agreeable young woman of Co'. fortune. *S J.*

Yesterday the Court received an account of the death of the Duke of Parma; that the Dutchess, his Widow, had declar'd herself four months gone with child; that the Duke had made a will in favour of Don Carlos, declaring him lawful Heir to his Dominions in failure of male issue by his said Dutchess; and that the Dutchess had made another will to the same purport of the Duke's in Don Carlos's favour. And letters from Paris, by thursday's mail, say, that a body of Imperialists, to the number of 10000, had taken possession of the Dutchies of Parma and Piacentia, on pretence of the Dutchess being with child. *L E.*

This day the Rev. Dr. Middleton preach'd a most excellent Sermon before the Right Honurable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and a crowded Congregation, at St. Paul's Cathedral, and his Text was, the 23d Chapter of St. *Luke*, and the latter part of the 28th Verse *Weep not for me, but weep for your selves and for your Children.*——The Bishop of Peterborough and Dr. Littleton, Fellow of Eton, preach'd; the former at the Abbey, and the latter at St. Margaret's, before the Lords and Commons. *But the Weather being excessive cold, those Churches were but thin. L E.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 1.

Mr. Fox, Upholsterer in S. James's-street, is made Upholsterer to his R. H. the P. of Wales *C. D P.*

Last Week was a Hearing before the Attorney Gen. in behalf of the informing Constables, for obtaining a *Noli prosequi*, an indictment being preferred against them by Mr. Geary, for an assault in Shoe lane, when the same was given against them, and they will be tried the sittings after Term. *D P. P.*

The Merchants, Masters, and Dealers in coals, who began on S. Paul's day to meet in the Monument yard, have unanimously agreed to continue there meeting in that place, where they are free from all interruption so frequent at Billingsgate, &c. *D P.*

Thursday, at the choice of a Lecturer for S. Margaret's Lothbury, the Candidats were the Rev. Mr. Edw. Darel, and Mr. Thirsby. A motion was made and seconded by the Friends of Mr. Darell, that (to prevent any disputes, and for the interest of both Gentlemen) the election might be by ballot, as most equitable; which was refused by the Church-wardens and others in Mr. Thirsby's interest: whereupon those in Mr. Darell's protested against such proceedings, and immediately left the Vestry, and it is reported, that soon after Mr. Thirsby was chosen nem. con. *P.*

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 2.

Mr. Darell's Friends (being conscious they could not carry it by a fair poll) insisted on a ballot, contrary to the custom of the parish; and because Mr. Thoresby's friends, who were above 20 majority, would not tamely submit to the imposition, withdrew: and after waiting some hours for their return, and adjourning the poll till 4 in the afternoon, Mr. Thoresby at six was regularly declared, &c. *D J.*

At the Bedford Election, on closing the Poll, the numbers were; Sir Jer. Vanacker Sambroke, Bart. 375 Dr. Tho' Browne 346. *Ibid.*——We hear that a scrutiny is going on at the Town of Bedford, &c. *D P.*——Maurice Morgan, Esq; Deputy Governor of the Isle of Wight, is re-elected for Yarmouth in the County of Southampton. *Ibid.*

Yesterday the R. H. the L. Malpas, and the L. Harvey, took the oaths at the Exchequer Bar, to qualify themselves to sit in the House of Peers; and yesterday they took their seats accordingly. *P.*

Yesterday morn. a Gentlewoman well dress'd had the misfortune to break her leg short off, by a fall on Ludgate-Hill. *C* ——*My brother should have told us, who picked up the piece of* her leg broken short off.

The Hon. Morgan Vane, Esq; 2d son to the R. H. the L. Barnard, is appointed a Clerk of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council in extraordinary. *L E.*

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 3.

Yesterday died Mr. Nicholson, one of the Clerks to the House of Commons. *D P.*——Mr. Alex. Gould, youngest son of John Gould of Hackney, Esq; is made Inspector of the Out Port Collectors Accounts *D J.*

The Wife of Mr. Williams, a servant of the Lady Anne Northampton, was some days ago delivered of 3 children (2 boys and a girl) at a birth, who were all baptized on Sunday last, at the new Church in Bloomsbury. *P.*

From the Pegasus in Grub-street.

In a Letter to Mr. Fog, painted in his *Journal* of last Saturday sen'night, his Correspondent tells him, 'He 'imagines that his Readers may be contented, now and 'then, to be served with an Entertainment *en Ambigu*, 'rather than to have the same dish cook'd several ways over 'again. Upon which our President said, that it should 'rather have been *served with an Ambigu*, he having 'never heard before of *an Entertainment en Ambigu*: 'adding that an *Ambigu* is a mixed Collation, wherein 'meat and fruit are served up together, so that it is doubt-'ful, whether it be a simple Collation, or a Supper; 'which is likewise called *une collation lardée.*

As part of this *Entertainment en ambigu*, Mr. POPE is brought in, and served after an odd manner, in the following Paragraph, 'M. de Voltaire, who is esteemed 'the *Pope* of France, not as a Bishop, but as a Poet, 'hath lately printed his Tragedy of *Brutus*. This Gen-'tleman's Works are well known, but this we may note, 'particularly both of him, and his Brother in England, 'that tho' they intend to write for the instruction of 'other people, 'tis only themselves can draw any bene-'fit from their books. ——Upon this Mr. MEVIUS declared, that tho' Mr. POPE was a professed Enemy, yet he ought not to have any thing false alleged against him: that to his certain knowledge several of our Members had *drawn* great *benefit* from his *books*, but the taste of the Town was indeed now so much corrupted, that the Booksellers offered very little for any Copy levelled at him.

Mr. POLITICO said, he could pass by any mistake in his Brother FOG, where his intention was good in exposing the Enemies of our Society; but he could not bear to see him fall upon one of our best Friends and most illustrious Members, as he had done in his last *Journal*; in which he had printed an abusive Letter to the LAUREATE; under the name of STEPHEN DUCK. In answer to which he would only produce 6 lines written by a *Mythological Grubean* about 2 months ago; which, being printed in an obscure *Weekly Paper*, he believed his Brother FOG had not seen, otherwise he would not have published this Letter. It was called *An Off hand answer to an Epigram in the Grubstreet Journal.*

Thou inveterate GRUB,
Or, as FOG calls thee, SCRUB,
All the Town knows that C——R can write;
And still wears at his *Tail*,
A *Sting*, worse than a *Flail*,
Which will soon put the *Thresher* to flight.

To the 5th verse it was objected, that if the *Sting* was *worse than the Flail*, the *Wearer* would come off by the *worst* To which it was answered, that *worse* here signifyed *better*; this *Sting* being like this Gentleman's verses, which the *worse* they are, are certainly the *better*, as yielding the Reader most Diversion.

Edinburgh, Jan. 16. One Will. Sutor, aged 37, a Farmer in Middle Mause near Craighall, being in the fields with his servants in Dec. 1728, heard an uncommon skreeking; and, following the voice, fancied they saw a dark grey colour'd dog; but afterwards thinking it was a fox, were for setting on their dogs, not one of which would so much as point his head that way.— About a month after, in the same spot, and at the same time, it appeared to him again, and in passing touched him so smartly on the thigh, that he felt a pain all that night.— In Dec. 1729, and June 1730. it appeared as formerly: but on the last monday in November, in passing he heard it speak these words, *Within 8 or 10 days, do or die.* ——The next night about 10 William with his Brother James, went to the spot, where it appeared to William, but James, and a Servant who was with him, could not see it. —— Next Saturday evening, as William was at his sheep-folds, it came to him, and said, *Come to the spot of ground within half an Hour.* Whereupon he went home, and taking a sword and staff, came to the ground, and as soon as it appeared, asked it, *In the name of God who are you?* It answered, *I am David Sutor, George Sutors brother: I killed a man more than* 35 *years ago, at a bush by East the road as you go into the Isle.* Mr. Sutor said, *David Sutor was a Man, and you appear as a Dog.*

It answered, *I killed him with a dog, and am made to speak out of the mouth of a Dog; and I tell you to go bury these bones.* — Dec. 23, about midnight, when William was in bed, it came to his door, and said, *Come away. You will find the bones at the side of the withered bush, and there are but* 8 *left.* And told him for a sign, that he would find the print of the cross impress'd on the ground. —— Next day William and his Brother, and about 40 or 50 people, went to the Isle, discovered the bush, and the cross, and digging about a foot down found the 8 bones. These they immediately wrapt in clean linnen, put in a coffin, and interred that evening in the Church-yard of Blair, attended by above 100 persons.—— N. B. Several people remember to have seen this David Sutor; and that he listed a soldier, and went abroad about 34 or 35 years ago. *P. Feb.* 2.—— *This story, if true, is a good proof of* Pythagorean *and* Presbyterian Transmigration.

We hear from *Ireland*, that on Dec. 28. an extraordinary motion came on before the R. H. the L. Chancellor, between one Mr. Ford of the County of Wexford, and Mrs. Meredith, the Daughter of Gen. Meredith deceased, in a *Homine replegiando.* The former fully swore to his marriage and consummation, as did his Man and the Lady's Waiting maid; but the marriage being deny'd by the young Lady, the Writ was refus'd, and we hear he has immediately cited her for conjugal rights in the Bishop's Court: notwithstanding which, several Gentlemen are said to court her in the mean time. *P.*——*I suspect there was really no* consummation; *as to which* the Lady *herself is no doubt a better Evidence, than either* his man, *or* her maid.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 28.

Rome, Jan. 13. N. S. The Manifesto of Card. Coscia continues to make a great noise. He therein complains in a more particular manner of the unaccountable spite (as he calls it) which the people of Rome shew against him: whereas it would become them better to be thankful to him for the moderation with which he treated them, by hindering the deceased Pope from laying new taxes upon them. *C. D J. In D P.* of *Jan* 30.—*It seems it is counted merit by Persons in power, not to do all the mischief of which they are capable.*

Florence, Jan. 13. It is written from Pisa, that Mr. Hay, commonly called L. Inverness, was set out from thence on his return to Rome, having been sent for by the Chevalier de S. George; and they add that his Lady will speedily follow him. *P. C.* In *D J. Jan* 30.

This afternoon arrived a Mail from France, *and one from* Flanders.

Paris, Jan. 31. Advices from Rome import, that his Holiness, who was seemingly taking the part of Card. Coscia; was now resolved that he should answer all the accusations laid against him; and 'tis expected he will be reduced to the condition of a private Priest. *S J.*—— Letters from the Isle of S. Domingo bring an account that Mad. Collin, one of the first that settled in that Island, died last July; aged full 110 years. *W E.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 29.

Paris, Jan. 26. N. S. The young Dutchess of Bourbon has been one of the brightest Stars in the constellation at Marley this Journey. —The Marchioness de la Vrilliere no sooner heard that the Duke de la Meilleraye, her future Husbands son, was against the match, but she wrote a letter to the Duke de Mazarin, to assure him, it never was her intention to come into his Family against his son's will; and therefore she acquitted him, and desired to be acquitted by him. The Duke is a Gentleman of great understanding; but his humour is at the same time singular, not to say cynical: he has a sort of devotion which is so squeamish, that he has disfigured several of the curious statues of marble, which his Uncle, the late Cardinal of that name, was so many years collecting at such a prodigious expence, and placed in the Hotel de Mazarin. *P.* ——There is a former accusation anciently tryed for a contempt, against M. Robert de la Motte, the discussion whereof will delay his sentence *C.*——*I am told that this* anciently *means* lately, *or at most* formerly.

Rome, Jan. 10. On the 3d, in the evening, we received advice, that the Bishop of Nice had been assassinated on his return to his Diocese from Turin. *C.*

Venice, Jan. 8. Letters from Constantinople of Nov. 24th and 30th give an account, that the Militia and Janizaries took arms 21st, and on the 23d advanced to the very gates of the Seraglio, demanding of his Highness to call home Cianum-Coggia, banished by the former Government, and to restore him to his office of Capt. Bashaw; with which the G. Seignior readily comply'd: On the 27th they returned to the Seraglio, when they demanded a gratuity for their Chief: and the same day the G. Seignior made him a Bashaw of 3 tails, and Governour of Nissa. Thus having received all the favours they demanded, they laid down their arms, and retired to their quarters. *P.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 30.

Hamburgh, Jan. 26. We hear from Dresden, that 5 Saxon regiments of horse, and 9 of foot, have received orders to be ready to march at 24 hours warning; a sudden step which surprizes us all. *D P.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 1

Yesterday arrived the Mails due from France *and* Holland.

Brussels, Feb. 6. N. S. Yesterday morning between 1 and 2, a most dreadful fire broke out in the Archdutchess's

Palace, whereby that great and magnificent ſtructure, with almoſt all the goods and Furniture, and the Royal Chappel, were laid in aſhes in leſs than 12 hours, the Archdutcheſs and the Ladies having narrowly eſcaped the flames. Almoſt all the Papers and Records of the Council of Finances, the Privy Council, and the Council of State, are conſumed. *P. C.*

Paris, Jan 29. We hear from Dijon, that a perſon having withdrawn himſelf, his Relations charged another, who was his ſworn enemy, with murdering him: who, being put to the queſtion, to ſhorten his tortures, and put an end to an unhappy life. confeſſed the crime. Hereupon he was broke alive, and 2 others as his accomplices were hanged. The man ſuppoſed to be murdered returning home ſome time after, the relations of thoſe that ſuffered, are now ſuing for juſtice in this affair. — Laſt week came out an *Arret* which condemns a Pamphlet, *A Letter from the antient Biſhop of Apt*, to be torn in pieces and burnt by the hands of the common Hangman. *P.* ——— *I ſhould be glad to know from my Brother, whether this* ancient Biſhop *be dead or alive; and if the latter, how* ancient *he is.*

Vienna, Jan. 24. Upon advice that Muſtapha Effendi, Ambaſſador of the Ottoman Porte, was arrived at Patakin, the Emperor has nominated the Counſellor Andrew Harena his Commiſſary to receive that Miniſter, and conduct him to this Capital. *P. C.*

Moſcow, Jan. 8. One of the Princes of Georgia, who reſided ſome time in this Capital, and who lives in the neighbourhood of Mount Ararat, has promiſed the Governor of Derbent to ſend the Czarina a relick of Noahs ark next ſpring. *C D J.*

Conſtantinople, Dec. 3. Men work night and day, to fit out a fleet of men of war and galleys. The Grand Seignior has depoſed the Cham of Tartary, and advanced his Brother, who was baniſhed to Barna, to the throne. *P.*

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 2.

Hague, Feb. 4. We hear from Vienna, that the laſt advices from Conſtantinople confirm the Maſſacre of the Chief of the Rebels, with a great Body of his adherents. *D P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 27.

Dreſden, Jan. 28. The Prince Royal and Electoral has received an expreſs from Count de Lagnaſco at the Court of Vienna, with the agreeable news of his Excellency's having concluded the accommodation between the 2 Courts. *D P.*

Extract of a Letter from an Engliſh Gentleman at Conſtantinople, Dec. 6.——On the 14th paſt, the G. Seignior, under pretence of holding a general Council, got all the chief of the rebels into his Palace, and cut them all off, with their ſervants; and it is ſaid about 7000 of their followers have been ſince ſtrangled, to the great joy of the city, for they were grown ſo inſolent, as to tax families what ſums they pleas'd, and even plunder in the ſtreets. *D J.*

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